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Director's Meeting

Thursday, 27 December 1951

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Jackson, Wolf, Wisner, [] Becker.

Mr. Wolf raised briefly the status of [] The DCI approved employing [] at once and noted that there were a number of positions in which he might be useful. Mr. Wolf indicated that Col. Drum would like to have [] and the DCI also indicated that he could be used in Col. Edwards' shop.

Mr. Dulles handed the Director a copy of the TIMES containing the Pope's recent encyclical respecting the political position of the Church which, it was felt, represented a step toward neutralism.

There was a brief discussion of the NSC Southeastern Asia paper and the DCI indicated that he wished to study it further. The DCI also indicated some dissatisfaction with the policy of passive defense, but noted that this involved major questions of policy which was not properly CIA's field. In connection with this discussion, the DCI referred to recent reports indicating a considerable build-up affecting Indochina and the other southeast Asian areas.

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The Director noted briefly the Log item respecting [] and also referred to []

Mr. Dulles reported that he had received a telephone call from Gen. Weckerling to the effect that Gen. Ridgway's labor people object to the [] visit. In view of this objection, Mr. Dulles proposed to drop the visit as far as we were concerned and the DCI approved.

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Mr. Wisner read to the DCI a cable from Gen. Truscott indicating the type of person who would be most useful to him in coordinating matters in Berlin. Truscott wants a full colonel who is familiar with the local situation.

The DCI instructed Mr. Wisner to pass these specifications on to General Weckerling.

Mr. Wisner also summarized for the DCI a cable from Gen. Truscott relating to the visit of a Congressional group to the Defector Center in Germany. Gen. Truscott noted that this group had been fully briefed on security and on the undesirability of making any reference to CIA. Gen. Truscott also indicated that he was going to propose that a group of responsible correspondents be permitted to visit the Defector Center and interview someone there when a suitable case was in hand. The DCI directed that Gen. Truscott be told to use his own judgment on this.

In connection with the foregoing, Mr. Dulles reported that he had had a very satisfactory visit with Congressman Walter, who had been in the Congressional group visiting the Center. The only suggestion made by Walter was that CIA should endeavor to have more contact with the Border Guards, since there was a possibility that some valuable people were missed at that stage. Mr. Dulles indicated that we were working on that problem.

Mr. Wolf referred to the discussion at an earlier meeting to the effect that CIA had requested four Naval personnel by name. Upon investigation he had found that only one of these people had been requested by CIA by name, the names of the other three having been inserted by the Naval personnel office before the request had been seen by Adm. Johnson, who, naturally, assumed that CIA had supplied these names. Mr. Dulles requested that he be given the information on that so he could explain it to Adm. Johnson.

Mr. Wolf reported respecting the CIA personnel turnover in December. Throughout the Agency the percentage was 1.1%. The highest Offices were *overt* Training and Medical. All of the sensitive offices were under 2%.

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The DCI approved cancelling the Assistant Directors' meeting on Monday.

Mr. Jackson reported that Mr. Brownell was here and the DCI expressed the desire to see him and to discuss, inter alia, the use of [REDACTED] by his Committee.

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